



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : John C. Vellinger, et al.
INVENTION : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MIXING SMALL VOLUMES OF LIQUID

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. : 10/084,136
FILING DATE : February 27, 2002
EXAMINER : David L. Sorkin
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : BT10561.0117936

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 12, 2004

Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is in response to the official office action mailed October 10, 2003. This paper is being filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time and the payment of the fee for a three (3) month extension of time. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.7, because the last day to file this Response falls on a Saturday, the Response is being filed and the fee is being paid on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday. Thus, the Response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 6, 15, 19, 37, 39-40 and 44. Further, in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants have elected to prosecute the Group I claims. Therefore, claims 1-20, 37-41 and 44 are pending. Applicants believe that the claims currently pending are in condition for allowance.